

October 17, 2019

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

RE: Docket 9698-CE-100

Dear Commissioners:

As the State Senator for the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District, I am writing in support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. This project will be an important generation resource for Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LLC). Many residents of my district are members of local electric cooperatives who receive their energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative.

The Nemadji Trail Energy Center will increase our community's access to energy generated from renewable resources. This is a priority for Wisconsin and for those I serve. Nemadji Trail will have much lower emissions than a coal facility and overall will have minimal direct environmental impact. The preferred site is in an existing industrial area and has already passed state scrutiny for a similar project in the early 2000's.

On behalf of the local electric cooperatives' and their members I represent in the Wisconsin State Legislature, I support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE in docket 9698-CE-100 and the corresponding applications for supporting infrastructure.

Please strongly consider approval of this project and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Howard Marklein  
State Senator  
17<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
North Tower, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Hill Farms State Office Building  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
Madison, WI 53705

RE: Docket 9698-CE-100

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our support for Dairyland Power Cooperative's Nemadji Trail Energy Center project. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center project will provide a large investment in northwestern Wisconsin's economy and create on-demand capacity to supplement existing renewable energy facilities.

Dairyland Power Cooperative's construction of the new Nemadji Trail Energy Center will create 260 family sustaining during the peak of construction and will support 175 additional jobs when fully operational. This project will bring over billion dollars of investment for Northwestern Wisconsin and the twin ports area.

Constituents from the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District have enjoyed consistent and quality electric service from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Dairyland's commitment to reducing carbon emissions is commendable. To accomplish their goal, the Nemadji Trail Energy Center project will allow them to immediately respond to energy demands throughout the region, if renewable energies like solar and wind power are not available.

We strongly support Dairyland Power Cooperative's Nemadji Trail Energy Center project for its benefit to northwestern Wisconsin's economy and the project's versatility for supplying power when renewable energies are unusable. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JEFF SMITH  
State Senator  
31<sup>st</sup> Senate District

JODI EMERSON  
State Representative  
91<sup>st</sup> Assembly District



# LOREN OLDENBURG

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 96<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
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RE: Docker 9698-CE-100

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing today to express my support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. This project will prove to be a valuable resource to several energy companies and cooperatives, like Dairyland Power Cooperative.

This project is important because local electric cooperatives in the 96<sup>th</sup> Assembly district purchase energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Energy from renewable resources is something that many of my constituents care about. The investment by Dairyland Power Cooperative in the Nemadji Trail Energy Center will allow my constituents to have increasing access to energy derived from renewable resources.

As a rural Wisconsin legislator I know that this project will help to boost the local economies in Douglas County and the City of Superior. The positive effects of this project will spread throughout the entire state, impacting Wisconsin's electric cooperatives. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center will have a minimal direct environmental impact, it will have lower emissions than a coal facility. It is my understanding that the preferred site for this project is in an industrial area and has already passed state scrutiny for a similar project in the early 2000's.

On behalf of my constituents, and the local electric cooperatives in the 96<sup>th</sup> district, I support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center that is proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE in docket 9698-CE-100 and the corresponding applications for supporting infrastructure. This project will have a positive economic impact, allow for the increasing use of renewable energy, has an ideal preferred site, and will have minimal direct environmental impacts. Finally, in the public meetings and outreach events that have been held in the Superior area the Nemadji Trail Energy Center has received overwhelming support from community members. I ask you to please approve the applications and the project.

Sincerely,

  
Representative Loren Oldenburg  
Wisconsin's 96<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Commissioners,

We write to express our support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. As part of a continued effort to expand use of clean energy and reduce Wisconsin's dependency on higher emitting facilities, this Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LCC) project is a much needed investment. The Nemadji Trail Energy Center Project will provide immense economic and environmental benefits for Northwest Wisconsin for years to come.

Dairyland Power Cooperative's headquarters are located in the Coulee region and many of our constituents are members of the Vernon Electric Cooperative, Jackson Electric Cooperative, Riverland Electric Cooperative, Oakdale Electric Cooperative Power, and Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative. From valuing sustainability and innovation in their work, to bringing affordable and efficient energy to western Wisconsin, Dairyland is a proven business leader and partner in our community. Dairyland's investment in the Nemadji Trail Energy Center will provide increasing amounts of clean energy from renewable resources to constituents of the 94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, 95<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District.

This project will also have an extensive and beneficial impact on Wisconsin's economy and environment. Projections show that this project will create 260 local jobs and provide Superior and Douglas Counties with an increase in local and public revenue. The environmental benefits of this facility will not only impact Wisconsin's local electric cooperatives, but will extend to the entire mid-continent by reducing reliance on coal facilities and supporting solar energy investments.

On behalf of the local electric cooperatives, we support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALETTE (Docket 9698-CE-100). We understand that this project has received a positive response from the local community and urge you to approve the application. We appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Shilling  
State Senator  
32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District

Steve Doyle  
State Representative  
94<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

Jill Billings  
State Representative  
95<sup>th</sup> Assembly District





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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

RE: Docket 9698-CE-100

May 9, 2019

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center in Superior, Wisconsin. Not only will the project be an important generation resource for Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LLC), but it will also help support the expansion of renewable energy, reduce dependency on higher emitting facilities, and provide much needed economic investment in Northwest Wisconsin.

Many of our constituents are members of local electric cooperatives who receive their energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative, such as Jackson Electric Cooperative, Oakdale Electric Cooperative, and Vernon Electric Cooperative. As the wholesale provider to these cooperatives, Dairyland Power has established itself as a proven partner to these cooperatives, their members, and our communities—bringing affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to rural Wisconsin for almost 80 years. Partnering with their local electric co-ops, Dairyland power also supports economic development, community initiatives, and educational opportunities to people of all ages. Their investment in the Nemadji Trail Energy Center means that our constituents will be able to receive ever-increasing amounts of their energy from renewable resources. This is a priority for many of the citizens that we serve.

As legislators who represent rural areas, we know the value that a project like this will have to the local economies of the northwest corner of our state. Douglas County and the City of Superior are eager to host the Nemadji Trail Energy Center, but the benefits will extend across Wisconsin's local electric cooperatives' service areas and beyond to the entire mid-continent. In addition, we understand the preferred project site is nearly ideal for this type of facility. Nemadji Trail will have much lower emissions than a coal facility and overall will have minimal direct environmental impact. The preferred site is in an existing industrial area and has already passed state scrutiny for a similar project in the early 2000's.



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On behalf of the local electric cooperatives' and their members we represent in the Wisconsin State Legislature, we support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE in docket 9698-CE-100 and the corresponding applications for the supporting infrastructure. The project will support economic development, allow increasing renewables incorporation into the grid, has an ideal preferred site and will have minimal direct environmental impact. Finally, we know the project has had numerous public meetings and outreach events in the Superior area and has received overwhelming support from the community. For all of these reasons, we respectfully urge you to approve the applications and the project.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our thoughts during this process. Please do not hesitate to contact either of our offices, should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Representative Nancy VanderMeer  
70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
(608) 266-8366

Senator Patrick Testin  
24<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
(608) 266-3123

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June 17, 2019

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
Attn: Steffany Coker, Commission Secretary  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

RE: Docket 9698-CE-100

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. This project will be an important generation resource for Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LLC). The project will help support the expansion of renewable energy, reduce dependency on higher emitting facilities, and provide much needed economic investment in Northwest Wisconsin.

A great number of our constituents are members of local electric cooperatives who receive their energy from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Their investment in the Nemadji Trail Energy Center means our constituents will be able to receive ever-increasing amounts of their energy from renewable resources. This is a priority for many of the citizens we serve.

As legislators who represents rural areas, we know the value a project like this will have on the local economies of the northwest corner of our state. Douglas County and the City of Superior are eager to host the Nemadji Trail Energy Center, but the benefits will extend across Wisconsin's local electric cooperatives' service areas and beyond to the entire mid-continent. In addition, we understand the preferred project site is nearly ideal for this type of facility. Nemadji Trail will have much lower emissions than a coal facility and overall will have minimal direct environmental impact. The preferred site is in an existing industrial area and has already passed state scrutiny for a similar project in the early 2000's.

We support the Nemadji Trail Energy Center proposed by Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE in docket 9698-CE-100 and the corresponding applications for supporting infrastructure. The project will support economic development, allow increasing renewables incorporation into the grid, has an ideal preferred site, and will have minimal direct environmental impacts. For the above reasons, we urge you to approve the applications and the project.

Sincerely,

Tom Tiffany  
State Senator  
12<sup>th</sup> Senate District

Mary Felzkowski  
State Representative  
35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District